

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 290
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gallatin firefighters Ben Harris, Ernest "Flip" DiPhillipo, Jeff Owens, and Teddy Baird for saving the life of a fellow citizen.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through public service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Ben Harris, Ernest "Flip" DiPhillipo, Jeff Owens, and Teddy Baird have courageously served as firefighters with the Gallatin Fire Department for many years; and

WHEREAS, these Gallatin firefighters served with great bravery and ability in the rescue of Larry Sain on February 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, breathing in dangerous quantities of smoke while trying to exit his burning house, Larry Sain dove out a window onto his porch before passing out and going into cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, Ben Harris, Ernest DiPhillipo, Jeff Owens, and Teddy Baird rescued and resuscitated Mr. Sain by moving him to safety and performing CPR; and

WHEREAS, Ben Harris, Ernest DiPhillipo, Jeff Owens, and Teddy Baird have performed their duties as firefighters with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; their service can only be categorized as outstanding, and they deserve proper recognition for their heroism as public servants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor estimable Gallatin firefighters Ben Harris, Ernest "Flip" DiPhillipo, Jeff Owens, and Teddy Baird for their meritorious service in the field of emergency fire control and rescue and commend them for saving the life of Larry Sain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.